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BY EDWARD P. NOWELL. Praise the Lord, 0, ransomed nation! Praise him all, from sea to saa; He bath built a firm foundation, E'en the rock of Liberty !

Futile was our best endeavor, Till we turned from wrong to right; Gloom had shrouded us forever, But for Heaven's redeeming might

Now, and though all coming time: Love which manhood's standard raises, Merits gratitude sublime ! Hope and trust, at length victorious Over trembling doubt and fear,

Call for rapture, hely glorious, Living faith and constant cheer. Infinite Jehovah ! aid us While we in Thy favor stand,

To remember Thou hast made us A regenerated land ! And, while time shall with us linger May we love the Just and Right, Seeing Freedom's guiding finger Pointing toward eternal light!

Lieut. George W. Douglass, OF THE EIGHTH EAST TENNESSEE INFANTRY THE RENOWNED UNION SCOUT AND

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while a prisoner, at which he seemed greatly | ting aspect.

When we landed on Tennessee soil, our East Tennessee boys were scarcely able to contain themselves-they were informed that they would soon have an opportunity to enter the contest which was to determine whethtween two lofty hills, we were suddenly fired er the Union or the Rebel forces were to hold upon from ambush. Our situation was ex. and occupy the land of their nativity. All seemed eager for the fray.

On the 31st of December, 1862, the great battle of Stone River took place, in which the our brave boys-reluctant to yield, seeing no Regiment to which I belonged took a prominent part. We were thrown upon the extrems right wing of the army, and appeared officers, when it was agreed to make an un- to be where the hardest of the fighting took place. Upon that day our regiment made tain commanding threw up a grain sack in eleven charges, and carried our points seven token of surrender. We were fired into sev- times. At the close of the first day's battle, eral times after having surrendered. A rebel we come out of the contest with seventy. officer was then seen to approach from the three men killed and one hundred and eighty western end of our corporation, and after wounded-from this an idea may be formed

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FELLOW-CITIZENS: In my message to the Legislature, the first week in October, I urged the importance of confering upon the FREE PEOPLE OF functions as are pointed out—say such color the privilege of testifying in as the punishment of crime, the adcourts of justice. I stated this fact; ministration of justice, and to reguthat as our laws now stand, a free col-ored man may be deprived of his life in the presence of an hundred colored witnesses, whose lips are scaled in the courts. I urged that our juries and udges would be intelligent men, the exclusive judges of the weight of testimony, and as such, they would take into consideration the character of the

manity and religion, say give the col-

the necessity for a "Freedman's Bureau," a tribunal foreign to our Constitution and domestic laws; necessari- Union, for as such, in their efforts to sided over, in many instances, by in- selves been destroyed. And the Naexperienced military men, who have tional Government is bound by every no law knowledge, and but little if any tie, political and sacred, to bold and judicial experience. I knew then, as control the rebel States in a manner having emancipated the slaves, it would protect them by Congressional whole nation. The Government canlegislation, and that the "Bureau" must become a permanent institution. hostile votes any more than by hostile

of such a law would satisfy the color- franchise under the Constitution beed people and the country, and that comes the means of endangering the the indiscriminate right of suffrage Union, safety must be sought in the would not be exacted of us; whereas, adoption of the maxim enunciated by if we should fail to concede to the ne- Hamilton and Lincoln, already quogro the right to testify, Congress ted. would grant it for us, and with it the right of suffrage.

lost, it will be killed by the loyal votes of the rebel debt, are alike popular of East Tennessee-the members cor with the men now engaged in re-orrectly representing the sentiments of ganizing the government of the Souththeir constituents. This I knew when ern States. The restoration of slavebut I believe the honest, patriotic peo-ple were mistaken as to their own best original rebels. interests-I think so still, but time

are ready to concede the right, on the repent of the guilt and spirit of the reaccount of the color of their skin. One bellion, and afford proof of their resee soldiers assembled together and stacking fact alone should settle the question as pentence. Every consideration affecttheir arms on the banks of the Ohio river, to the rebels-that is, for four years the interest of the country, and the passed resolutions to the effect that they would they did all they could to destroy the happiness of generations yet unborn, Government. For this they should requires that the rebels shall not be One fact alone should settle the ques- hasty in anything, let it be in doing tion as to the blacks-for four years justice so the friends of the National they did all they could, by giving in- Government. If we delay in anyformation and fighting, to save the thing, let it be in giving pardons to Government. And, but for their color, leading guilty rebels, and power to would give them the right to testify al Government. und vote. The voice of prejudice says, hold them back. The voice of reason this much by way of explanation to and justice says, take suffrage from the enemies of the Government, and give it to its friends. If the States will to come upon the country, by what I not do this, Congress has the power, believe to be the necessary legislation under the amended Constitution, to do it, and will and ought to carry it out them, I will publish this brief address As to the powers of the National Government, what shall be the relations between itself and those who I have no purpose to run for any office have been in rebellion against it, and after my term of service expires; and, between itself and those it has made free in order to put down the rebellion, do my duty, without looking to the and save its own existance, so much is effect of my acts upon my popularity. conceded by all who advocate reorganization on any plan, from the Presidents experiment down to the fireside suggestion, that there is no necessity for claiming more than is conceded.

If, in restoring the governments of the revolted States, the National Government may say that rebels who take friends from whom they had been separated take this oath, and shall not vote: there can be no limitation on its power, under the amended Constitution. It can say that some white men may vote and others may not; it can also say that some black men may certify and vote, and others shall do neither. Even rebels will acknowledge the correctness of the doctrine of Alexander Hamilton, in that he has affirmed-EVERY GOVERNMENT DUGIT TO CON-TAIN IN ITSELF THE MEANS OF ITS OWN PRESERVATION." The same Federal theory stated above, was enunciated by Abraham Lincoln, when he doclared that-"THE PARAMOUNT IDEA of Nashville !" OF THE CONSTITUTION IS TO PRESERVE THE UNION."

This theory is sound, and I hold that our nation contains in itself the means of its own preservation, and these means should be put forth by was placed on the lits of unemployed Generate men in authority. I, for one, deny als for muster out by General Grant's direction that eleven States of this Union, and son was stricken by President Johnson as millions of its people, may renounce soon as the list was submitted to him for r the authority of the Government; vision and, by an appeal to arms, defy its Serious Accident.—A most serious acci-power; and, on the failure in the trial dent occurred to Dr. Hillsman on Friday of the severity of the struggle.

Of the various incidents of this sanguinary and hard-fought battle, which occurred to myself and friends, I will take occasion to otherwise, do not possess absolute, unspeak in a future chapter.

Of the severity of the struggle.

Inght last, near Morristown, while attempting to jump off a train while in motion, by which he was thrown under the cars and had both legs crushed and an arm broken. He was conveyed to this city and placed in the controllable sovereignty. The Na-putsted by Drs. Parten, McIntosh and Rogtional Government does, and it can, ers. - Knewille White.

in immediate charge of us as guards. We To the East Tennessee Loyalists. make war, and make peace. The States are political bodies, existing under the Constitution, and subordinlate municipal affuirs, and for other purposes, having the power of taxa-

The National Government may govern the seceded States with or without the forms of State elections. It it choose to have elections, it has the right to prescribe the qualifications of electors; and it may make suffrage witness, both for honor and intelligence. I had three reasons for recommendating this reasons for restill satisfy my wind that I was right.

1. The thing is right in itself, and the dictates of virtue, patriotism, hugovernments. As communities of governments. As communities of people, as States bounded by geographical lines, and having certain 2. It would do away in Tennessee, limits, the rebel States are in the Union, and have never been out; but as governing powers, they are not in the y arbitrary, and which must be pre- overthrow the Union, they have themknow now, that the Government that will secure the safety of the loyal whole nation. The Government cannot allow itself to be destroyed by 3. I felt confident that the passage armies, and if an abuse of the elective

In the Southern States the recent elections have shown that men who A law to this effect has passed had damaged the Union most receivthe Senate, but the chances are that ed the most votes. The repudiation it will be defeated in the House. If of the Federal debt and the payment I pressed the measure in my message; ry is hoped for, and it is looked to in

The National Government will hold I reached Oakland in safety, and from the need of the need of the safety and from the need of the need the part they took in the rebellion the organized enemies of the Nation-

> I have deemed it my duty to say the loyalists of East Tennessce, and by way of letting them know what is of Congress. And me order to reach in the Union papers of East Tennessec. I have no selfish objects in view. until then, if my life is spared, I shall W. G. BROWNLOW.

Governor of Tennessee. November, 30, 1865.

Personal Incident,

Horace Maynard was standing in one of the hotels the other day, when a tall Tennesseean approached him, "How do you do Col. Maynard, I'm delighted to see you looking so well,

"I ought to recognize you, sir, I presume, but I don't."

"Why, Colonel, you ought to remember me. You've met me often enough in Nashville, where I live...

"Yes, Sir," responded Maynard, in his coldest and snakiest manner, "I lived in Nashville two years. I was attached to the administration of Andrew Johnson, I passed about the streets daily; but if I had been a Jew covered with t e most loathsome leprosy from the crown of my head to the sole of my foot, couldn't have been more studiously avoided and abhorred by you citizens

The pardon seeker did't think it advisable to ask Mr. Maynard to take charge of his case.

It is stated that Gan. Butler's name, which

of arms, resume the power they had night last, near Merristown, while attempt-

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stantly on hand.

It was about ten o'clock that we heard in cessant firing to the North of the place of our imprisonment. The guards became restless

surprised at the delay.

and finally went to one side and consulted. Some of our boys seemed to apprehend mischief-fearing they would be slaughtered to prevent being re-captured; but I told them they need not fear any such result—that we would soon be relieved by our triends, and Apventisements will be charged at a square, (ten lines or less,) for the first would soon be relieved by our archives and 75 cents for each continuance. for them to maintain their fortitude and coursell of denotion will be made to seally a few few pages, and time would directizers.

You County unfold a new state of affairs.

sonul agrandizement or emolument will be

Then with piens sing God's praises,

THRILLING ADVENTURES

PILOT.

My feet becoming quite sore from travelling, I succeeded in getting transportation on board of a Government wagon. At Gallipolis I found my command which I rejoined without delay. My old comrades expressed great joy to see me, and many were the expression of surprise uttered when they heard the story of my capture and escape. I reported to Col. Cook, and related all that had occured to me

After resting several days, I was detailed to go on a special scout by General Geo. W. Morgan. The preliminary arrangements were made and the march commenced. Three days' hard riding brought us to the "Red House" in Caney Valley, Virginia. Here we stopped twelve hours, for the purpose of resting our horses, which were well nigh exhausted. This delay was very unfortunate, as I had predicted. I even suggested the danger of such a course to the Captain commarding

the scout, but he followed his own counsel. On the following day, about ten o'clock, A. M., while passing through a narrow defile betremely precarious. To attempt to fight a largely superior force under such disadvantages, would have been the height of felly-

side of us. among others, myself. I received a mus- efforts. ket ball in the back of the neck, which, though

Finding the rebel line impregnable, our superior numbers of the enemy forbid such a Stone River. hazardous proceeding. A spirit of gloom seemed to take possession of every one of

chance of escape. A hasty consultation was had among the conditional surrender. Whereupon, the Capmay 26-6m giving orders to his men to cease firing, re- of the severity of the struggle. ceived our surrender. We were then marched back to the "Red House" where we were placed under guard, and kept there for two days. On the morning of the third day, the speak in a future chapter. rebels all left but two who had been placed

It was not more than an hour after the incident occurred above related when the guards ook up their arms and left us to nur fate ! We immediately consulted among ourselves ored man this showing.

o learn what would be the best course to pursue, and all resolved to strike out, in all possible haste, for the nearest Federalc amp. Being entirely unarmed, we were compelled to take the forest paths as our safest route, and thus avoid being re-captured by the prowling bands of rebels, who were ever on the alert. Our wonderful deliverance from a long and tiresome march to the Confederate Capitol, and a terrible prospect of long imprisonment, produced the most happy effect upon us all-re-invigorating and reanimating each to such a degree that not a word of complaint escaped the lips of a single member of our little band, and we made excellent headway in our march.

Fortunately, nothing serious befel us on our route, and we succeeded in reaching our command in four days from the time of our rebel lease; and felt extremely grateful to our rebguards for the part they had taken in our de-

When we reached camp, we found the East Tennessee boys in great distress. They were setting about in little squads, looking very gloomy indeed. We, of course, felt a great desire to know the cause of this state of affairs, when we were informed that the East Tennesseeans were not to be recognized or countenanced. Old men, as well as young, were seen with tears streaming down their care-worn faces, and the sad, sad exclamation could be heard from their quivering lips -my family in East Tennessee is starving! and will show.

On the following evening the East Ten fight no more, unless they were regarded by those in authority with more respect and at, not be allowed a voice in its affairs. - restored to power. And if we are tention. Our uniforms were in tatters, and we undoubtedly presented a most humilia-

The next day a superabundance of quarmaster stores were furnished us, and in the evening orders were received to prepare rations for a five days' march. On the followlowing morning we were ordered aboard a steamer, and proceeded to Cincinnati, where our sick were disposed of, after which we proceeded down the river to Nashville, Ten-

Our stay in Nashville was prolonged only forty-eight hours, when we were ordered to as the firing seemed to come from every point the front, at Stone River, to take part in the of the compass. To retreat, was the only al- great impending battle, then about to take ternative, and that was found to be a failure place. Our march from Nashville was attendas we found nearly s regiment of infantry ed with much suffering, especially among the had closed in our rear, ready for our recap- infantry-the weather being intensely cold ture. The Captain ordered us to charge the and severe. But every soldier seemed to be line, but they stood as firm as the eternal clated by the hope of success-and an early a prescribed oath may vote; that othrocks that reared their lofty peaks on either prospect of re-union with their families and ers more guilty of treason shall not In the outset, several of our brave boys so long-and although faint and exhausted, then it enacts a law regulating sufffell to rise no more, and many were wounded, they would rally their courage with renewed rage. And if it can enact such a law,

After reaching the main body of our forces a flesh-wound, and but slight, gave me a great stretching across the Murfreesboro' pike, we were ordered to prepare for meeting the cuemy. A general engagement was hourly ex-Captain ordered us to fall back, just in time | pected, and all the paraphernalia necessary to to escape the next volley poured into us by such an event-such as erecting hospital tents, the enemy. But there was no retreating in and in front of which were to be seen long that direction as we perceived the other par- lines of ambulances, and wagons filled with ty forming a line across our narrow way, and hospital stores, &c., were being pushed formaking ready for our reception. A halt ward with the greatest alacrity. The enemy was made, and some of the officers proposed were then strongly entrenched in the town of to dismount and try them on foot-but the Murfresboro', extending their lines as for as

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JONESBOROUGH, TENN., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, /1865. knew not what course they intended to pursue in regard to our disposition. The coantry was not held particularly by either side at that time, and we expected to start on the march to Richmond every moment, and were